

For information on becoming a Dental Assistant, see [Sources of additional information](#) within this brochure.

For information on youth employment opportunities, contact a career counselor at your high school or employment counselor or job and information center coordinator at your local NH Employment Security Office.

Berlin (752-5500)

[151 Pleasant St., PO Box 159, 03570-0159](#)

Claremont (543-3111)

[404 Washington St., PO Box 180, 03743-0180](#)

Concord (228-4100)

[10 West St., PO Box 1140, 03302 - 1140](#)

Conway (447-5924)

[518 White Mountain Highway, 03818-4205](#)

Keene (352-1904)

[109 Key Rd., 03431-3926](#)

Laconia (524-3960)

[426 Union Ave., PO Box 760, 03246-2894](#)

Lebanon (448-6340)

[85 Mechanic St., Ste.4, 03766-1506](#)

Littleton (444-2971)

[646 Union St., Ste.100, 03561-5314](#)

Manchester (627-7841)

[300 Hanover St., 03104-4957](#)

Nashua (882-5177)

[6 Townsend St., 03060-3285](#)

Portsmouth (436-3702)

[2000 Lafayette Rd., 03801-5673](#)

Salem (893-9185)

[29 South Broadway, 03029-3026](#)

Somersworth (742-3600)

[243 Rt.108, 03878-1512](#)

NHCRN
New Hampshire Career Resource Network
Employment SECURITY Rick Ricker (603) 229-4489 ELM48
www.nhes.state.nh.us/elmi/nhcrn/index.htm

SO, You want
to be a...



Projected among the top twenty-five fastest growing occupations. (NH Employment Projections, 2002-2012)

Health Science Dental Assistant



New Hampshire

Here are
a few things
you should know.

You'll want to know a few things about this career.

Avg Hrly Wage:

\$14.89

Expected

GrowthRate*:

47%

Avg

AnnOpenings:

96

Training/Educ Needed:

On-the-Job or Military Training, or Apprenticeship

College-level training is encouraged

(www.ada.org). Helpful high school courses include biology, chemistry, health, and office practices. To see if programs are available in NH go to (NHnetwork) at www.nhes.state.nh.us/nhnetwork/.

Basic Skills:

Reading, listening, speaking.

Job Skills:

Coordination, active listening, speaking, time management, service orientation, information organization, equipment selection.)

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Dental Assistant

...offers excellent career opportunities for nontraditional students.* (www.ada.org)
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*(Those over 23, seeking career change, reentry, etc.)

TASKS

1. Prepares patient, sterilizes and disinfects instruments, sets up instrument trays, prepares materials, and assists dentist during dental procedures.
2. Takes and records medical and dental histories and vital signs of patients.
3. Assists dentist in management of medical and dental emergencies.
4. Records treatment information in patient records.
5. Provides postoperative instructions prescribed by dentist.
6. Pours, trims, and polishes study casts.
7. Instructs patients in oral hygiene and plaque control programs.
8. Cleans teeth, using dental instruments.
9. Fabricates temporary restorations and custom impressions from preliminary impressions.
10. Schedules appointments, prepares bills and receives payment for dental services, completes insurance forms, and maintains records, manually or using computer.

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Interests

(Holland Code):

SAI

(Social, Artistic, Investigative)

Interest Area:

Medical and Health Services

Working Condi-

tions: Comfort-

able, well lighted, clean environment.

(Follows safety

procedures to mini-

mize any risks to

themselves or pa-

tients.)

Avg Work Week:

35-40hrs (Some

may work Saturdays

and/or evenings.)

Sources of additional

info: NH Employment

Security (Contact

office nearest you or

go online to www.nhes.state.nh.us).

Commission on Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Suite 1814, Chicago, IL 60611 (www.ada.org).

American Dental Assistants Association, 203 No. LaSalle St., Suite 1320, Chicago, IL 60601 (www.dentalassistant.org)

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